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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB XIV: ITEM 4B: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON DECLARATION
AND PROGRAM OF ACTION

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1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTINUED
IN GROUP B AND SMALL DRAFTING GROUP SEPTEMBER 10.
PRINCIPAL EC-9 DELEGATE HAS SAID REFERENCE TO "IMPLE-
MENTATION" IN PARAS TWO AND THREE ARE ACCEPTABLE. G-77
SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT AMENDMENT OR SUBSTITUTION OF
PARA ONE LIKELY TO BE UNACCEPTABLE TO THEIR GROUP.
END SUMMARY

2. LEADING EC DELEGATE (CHOLLET, FRANCE) TOOK POSITION
AT GROUP B MEETING SEPTEMBER 10 THAT ONLY CRITICAL
ISSUE FACING COUNTRIES WHO MADE RESERVATIONS TO
DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION WAS OP APRA ONE SINCE
IT ADDRESSED TO GOVERNMENTS. REFERENCES TO "IMPLEMENTATION"
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IN OP PARAS TWO AND THREE ARE ADDRESSED EITHER TO UNCTAD

SECGEN OR TO FUTURE ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL BODIES. WITH REGARD TO SEC GEN, HE IS COMPELLED TO ACT ON BASIS GA RESOLUTIONS WHICH CAN BE REASONABLY INTERPRETED AS APPLYING TO HIS FUNCTION. AS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES, THEY WILL "IMPLEMENT" DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION ONLY INsofar AS GOVERNMENTS AGREE.

3. US DEL REPLIED THAT, WHILE RECOGNIZING FORCE OF DULY ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS ON SECRETARIATS AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES, LANGUAGE CURRENTLY IN DRAFT IMPLIED ACTIONS OF SEC GEN AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES WERE ELEMENT IN OVERALL GOAL OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AS TOTAL DOCUMENTS, WHICH UNACCEPTABLE TO US.

4. THIS EXCHANGE REPEATED IN DRAFTING GROUP, WITH G-77 SPOKESMAN ARGUING THAT INTENT OF DRAFT WAS ONLY TO HAVE SEC GEN AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES GO ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS, WITHOUT PREJUDGING RESULTS. US DEL SAID THIS MIGHT PROVIDE BASIS FOR RESOLVING DIFFICULTIES WITH THESE PARAS, BUT THAT IN HIS VIEW CURRENT LANGUAGE WAS STILL TOO SWEEPING. DRAFTING GROUP AGREED TO RETURN TO QUESTION OF US OBJECTIONS SEPTEMBER 11.

5. GROUP B SPOKESMEN SAID THAT GROUP WAS CONSIDERING PRESENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE TEXTS FOR OP PARA ONE, BUT WONDERED WHETHER G-77 WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH. G-77 SPOKESMAN REPLIED THAT HE COULD OFFER LITTLE HOPE THAT G-77 WOULD AGREE TO AMENDMENT OF TEXT, BUT WOULD LOOK AT ANY PROPOSALS.

6. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES RESULTS OF "SECOND READING" BY DRAFTING GROUP:
PREAMB PARA THREE: REVISED TO CONCLUDE: "AND THE CONTRIBUTION IT HAS ACCORDINGLY TO MAKE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."
PREAMB PARA FOUR: NOT DISCUSSED. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTION WHETHER THIS PARA, WHICH LIFTED TEXTUALLY FROM ECOSOC OMNIBUS RESOLUTION, IS ACCEPTABLE.
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OP PARA 2: CHAPEAU THROUGH SUBPARA (D) REMAIN AS AMENDED BY GROUP OF 77 (REFTEL). G-77 CONTINUED TO RESIST DELETING REFERENCES TO "IMPLEMENTATION" IN SUBPARAS (C) AND (D) ARGUING THAT THEY WERE NEUTRAL. GROUP B SPOKESMEN (AUSTRALIA AND US) INTEND TO RECOMMEND TO GROUP B THAT, IN VIEW OF G-77 PERSISTENCE, WE REJECT ADDITION TO CHAPEAU OF PHRASE PROPOSED BY G-77, "WITH A VIEW TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION AND

PROGRAM OF ACTION."

OP PARA 2E: REVISED TO READ:

"TO INCLUDE IN HIS REPORT ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY APPROPRIATE INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS TO ENABLE THE BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW IN THE FIELD OF COMPETENCE OF UNCTAD OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION, INCLUDING AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE PROGRESS MADE AND SHORTFALLS IN THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES SET THEREIN AND OF POLICIES THAT ARE NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STRATEGY, THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO OVERCOME THESE SHORTFALLS."

OP PARA 3: NO CHANGE FROM G-77 POSITION REPORTED REFTEL.

OP PARA 4: NO CHANGE FROM REFTEL.

OP PARA 5: ACCEPTED.

OP PARA 6: FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, G-77 PROPOSED TEXT BE REVISED TO READ:

"REQUESTS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS 29TH SESSION TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO UNCTAD IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RESOLUTION." INTENT OF G-77, THEY ARGUED WAS MERELY TO CALL UPON GA TO TAKE SOME ACTION ON REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS WHICH SECGEN MIGHT MAKE ON BASIS THIS RESOLUTION. THEY AGREED GA SHOULD DECIDE WHAT WAS "ADEQUATE" AND AGREED TO DELETION OF THAT WORK IF GROUP B INSISTED. MATTER COMPLICATED BY FACT THAT SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL SAID THAT SECGEN DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION CARRIED ANY FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND THAT THEREFORE IT WOULD HAVE NO IMPACT ON REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATE FOR 1974-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1975 BIENNIAL WHICH SECGEN WOULD SUBMIT AS RESULT OF BOARD'S ACTIONS. GROUP B SPOKESMEN SUGGESTED THAT PHRASE "IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS BUDGETARY PROCESSES" BE ADDED BUT G-77 REJECTED ON GROUNDS GA COULD ACT IN NO OTHER WAY. COMMENT: US DEL WILL CONTINUE TO ARGUE FOR SOME MODIFYING PHRASE IN ORDER TO AVOID PREJUDGING QUESTION WHETHER GA SHOULD GIVE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THIS PARTICULAR REQUEST.

7. COMMENT: US DEL RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING POSITION WITH REGARD TO USE OF "IMPLEMENTATION" IN PARAS 2 AND 3:

(A) THAT WE PRESS FOR DELETION OF G-77 PROPOSED ADD-ON AT END OF PARA 2 CHAPEAU IF THEY INSIST ON RETAINING REFERENCES TO DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF

ACTION IN SUBPARAS.

(B) THAT WE PROPOSE AMENDING SUBPARA 2(C) TO READ:

"WITH A VIEW TO ASSISTING THEM IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS
AND FURTHER ACTIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE DECLARATION AND
PROGRAM OF ACTION. SINCE " IMPLEMENTATION" IN G-77
TEXT HERE REFERS TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL GODIES, WE
BELIEVE USE OF WORK IS UNACCEPTABLE.

(C) THAT WE ACCEPT G-77 PROPOSAL FOR SUBPARA 2(D)
SINCE IT RELATED TO ACTIONS SEC GEN WILL TAKE.
ALTERNATIVELY, WE CAN PRESS FOR SUBSTITUTION OF
"IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF..." BY
"IN THE LIGHT OF..."

(D) THAT WE PROPOSE AMENDING PARA 3 TO READ "AND
TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTION IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR
DELIVERATIONS."

8. WE CANNOT BE OPTIMISTIC THAT G-77 WILL ACCEPT
ANY FORMULA WHICH FAILS TO SAY THAT GOAL OF THESE
ACTIVITIES IS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION
AND PROGRAM OF ACTION. RECOGNIZING THAT WE MOST UNLIKELY
TO HAVE ANY GROUP B SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE, WE PROPOSE
VOTING AGAINST PARAGRAPHS CONTAINING SUCH FORMULATIONS.
ALTERNATIVELY WE COULD ABSTAIN IF OUTHER GROUP B MEMBERS
WOULD JOIN IN SUCH POSITION.

9. DRAFTING GROUP WILL MEET AGAIN SEPTEMBER 12.
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REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON AS MANY OF THESE
QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE IN TIME FOR TOMORROW'S MEETINGS.

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